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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O.Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 04/05/2006, please amend as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.